

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electric rotating machine comprising:
  2. a U-phase coil constructed in a manner such that  $U_n$  partial coils ( $U_1, U_2, U_3, \dots$ ) which are  $n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) in number are connected in series to each other, with one end of said U-phase coil being connected to an input/output terminal;
  3. a V-phase coil constructed in a manner such that  $V_n$  partial coils ( $V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots$ ) which are  $n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) in number are connected in series to each other, with one end of said V-phase coil being connected to an input/output terminal;
  4. a W-phase coil constructed in a manner such that  $W_n$  partial coils ( $W_1, W_2, W_3, \dots$ ) which are  $n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) in number are connected in series to each other, with one end of said W-phase coil being connected to an input/output terminal;
5. a ring-like stator core having a plurality of slot group sets formed in its circumferential directions, each including a U-phase slot group, a V-phase slot group and a W-phase slot group arranged continuously, said U-phase slot group for accommodating said  $n$  ( $n \geq 3$ )  $U_n$  partial coils formed in a state adjacent to each other in said circumferential directions, said V-phase slot group for accommodating said  $n$  ( $n \geq 3$ )  $V_n$  partial coils formed in a state adjacent to each other in said circumferential directions, and said W-phase slot group for accommodating said  $n$  ( $n \geq 3$ )  $W_n$  partial coils formed in a state adjacent to each other in said circumferential directions;
6. a stator winding to which the other ends of said U-phase coil, said V-phase coil and W-phase coil are connected; and
7. a rotor having a plurality of magnetic poles formed along said circumferential directions,
  8. wherein each of said  $U_n$  partial coils ( $U_1, U_2, U_3, \dots$ ) includes a circling coil composed of  $U_n$  inside-slot conductor portions accommodated in the corresponding U-phase slot group and outside-slot conductor portions for making connections between said  $U_n$  inside-slot conductor portions in the exterior of the U-phase slot group, with said circling coil of said  $U_n$  partial coil approximately

29      circling said stator core in said circumferential directions, and each of said  $V_n$   
30      partial coils ( $V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots$ ) includes a circling coil composed of  $V_n$  inside-slot  
31      conductor portions accommodated in the corresponding V-phase slot group and  
32      outside-slot conductor portions for making connections between said  $V_n$   
33      inside-slot conductor portions in the exterior of the V-phase slot group, with said  
34      circling coil of said  $V_n$  partial coil approximately circling said stator core in said  
35      circumferential directions, and each of said  $W_n$  partial coils ( $W_1, W_2, W_3, \dots$ )  
36      includes a circling coil composed of  $W_n$  inside-slot conductor portions  
37      accommodated in the corresponding W-phase slot group and outside-slot  
38      conductor portions for making connections between said  $W_n$  inside-slot conductor  
39      portions in the exterior of the W-phase slot group, with said circling coil of said  
40       $W_n$  partial coil approximately circling said stator core in said circumferential  
41      directions, and said inside-slot conductor portions of each of said partial coils to  
42      be connected to said input/output terminals are accommodated in slots other than  
43      slots existing at end portions of each of said U-phase slot group, said V-phase slot  
44      group and said W-phase slot group in said circumferential directions.

1      2.      The machine according to claim 1, wherein, of each of said  $U_n$  partial  
2      coils, said  $V_n$  partial coils and said  $W_n$  partial coils, said inside-slot conductor  
3      portions of a partial coil connected to a neutral point are accommodated in slots  
4      existing at an end portion of each of said U-phase slot group, said V-phase slot  
5      group and said W-phase slot group in said circumferential directions.

1      3.      The machine according to claim 1, wherein a slot of each of said slot  
2      groups is made to accommodate a plurality of inside-slot conductor portions of  
3      said inside-slot conductor portions in radial directions of said stator core,  
4              each of said circling coils is composed of a plurality of U-shaped segments,  
5      connected to each other, each having an outside-slot conductor portion of said

6        outside-slot conductor portions and a pair of inside-slot conductor portions of said  
7        inside-slot conductor portions,

8                said outside-slot conductor portion includes a U-shaped head portion  
9        protruding from one end side of said stator core to continue into one end portions  
10      of said pair of inside-slot conductor portions, and a pair of protruding end portions  
11      protruding from the other end side of said stator core to continue into the other  
12      end portions of said of inside-slot conductor portions and extending generally in  
13      said circumferential directions of said stator core, and

14                said pair of inside-slot conductor portions are accommodated in a slot of  
15      an in-phase slot group of said slot groups at the same position in said  
16      circumferential directions and at different positions in said slot in said radial  
17      directions.

1        4.        The machine according to claim 2, wherein, in each of said U-phase coil,  
2        said V-phase coil and said W-phase coil, said inside-slot conductor portions of a  
3        different partial coil are accommodated between said inside-slot conductor  
4        portions of said partial coil connected to said neutral point and said inside-slot  
5        conductor portions of said partial coil connected to said input/output terminal in  
6        each of the single U-phase slot group, the single V-phase slot group and the single  
7        W-phase slot group.

1        5.        The machine according to claim 1, wherein, in each of said U-phase coil,  
2        said V-phase coil and said W-phase coil, said inside-slot conductor portions of  
3        said partial coil connected to said input/output terminal are accommodated at a  
4        central position in each of the single U-phase slot group, the single V-phase slot  
5        group and the single W-phase slot group, and said partial coil connected to a  
6        neutral point are accommodated at an end position therein, and said inside-slot  
7        conductor portions closer to said partial coil connected to said neutral point are

8      accommodated at positions closer to an end portion of each of the single U-phase  
9      slot group, the single V-phase slot group and the single W-phase slot group.

1      6.      The machine according to claim 3, wherein said head portions of said  
2      U-shaped segments are arranged in said slots of the stator core in said radial  
3      directions and are inclined with respect to an axial direction of said stator core so  
4      that the degree of the inclination of each of said U-shaped segments increases as  
5      said U-shaped segments are positioned more outwardly in said radial directions.

1      7.      The machine according to claim 1, wherein said Un partial coils, said Vn  
2      partial coils and said Wn partial coils, extending in said radial directions, are  
3      concentrically arranged in parallel with each other.

1      8.      An electric rotating machine comprising:  
2                a ring-like stator core having a plurality of slot group sets formed in its  
3                circumferential directions, each continuously including:  
4                        a first phase slot group composed of  $n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) first slots formed in a  
5                state adjacent to each other in said circumferential directions; and  
6                        a second phase slot group composed of  $n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) second slots  
7                formed in a state adjacent to each other in said circumferential directions;  
8                        a stator winding including:  
9                                a first phase coil made by connecting  $n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) first partial coils in  
10                series to each other, with one end of said first phase coil being connected to an  
11                input/output terminal; and  
12                                a second phase coil made by connecting  $n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) second partial  
13                coils in series to each other, with one end of said second phase coil being  
14                connected to an input/output terminal, the other ends of said first phase coil and  
15                said second phase coil being connected to each other; and

16           a rotor having a plurality of magnetic poles in its circumferential  
17        directions,  
18        wherein each of said first partial coils includes a circling coil  
19        accommodated in the corresponding first slots and composed of first inside-slot  
20        conductor portions and outside-slot conductor portions for making connections  
21        between said first inside-slot conductor portions in the exterior of said slot group  
22        sets, with said circling coil approximately circling said stator core in said  
23        circumferential directions, and each of said second partial coils includes a circling  
24        coil accommodated in the corresponding second slots and composed of second  
25        inside-slot conductor portions and outside-slot conductor portions for making  
26        connections between said second inside-slot conductor portions in the exterior of  
27        said slot group sets, with said circling coil approximately circling said stator core  
28        in said circumferential directions, and said inside-slot conductor portions of each  
29        of said partial coils to be connected to said input/output terminal are  
30        accommodated in slots other than slots existing at end portions of each of said  
31        first and second phase slot groups in said circumferential directions.

1       9.       An electric rotating machine comprising:  
2        a stator core including phase slot groups each composed of a plurality of  
3        slots and made along its inner circumferential surface in its circumferential  
4        directions; and  
5        a stator coil including a plurality of phase coils each made by connecting a  
6        plurality of segments each composed of inside-slot conductor portions to be  
7        accommodated in said slots and outside-slot conductor portions protruding from  
8        said slots,  
9        wherein each of said phase coils is formed by connecting a plurality of  
10        concentric circling coils, each generally circling said stator core along said inner  
11        circumferential surface, and said inside-slot conductor portions of said segment  
12        constituting, of said plurality of circling coils, said circling coil which has an

13 external leader terminal are accommodated in, of said plurality of slots  
14 constituting each of said phase slot groups, said slot which does not adjoin said  
15 slot group different in phase, and an insulating member is interposed between said  
16 outside-slot portions adjacent to each other in a radial direction of said stator core.

10. The machine according to claim 9, wherein said segment has a U-like  
configuration and said plurality of outside-slot conductor portions are disposed  
into a lattice-like configuration to intersect each other in an axial exterior of an  
axial end portion of said stator core, and the intersections between said  
5 outside-slot conductor portions are arranged in n rows in an axial direction from  
said axial end portion, and said insulating member is placed at the intersection  
positions going beyond a first row of said n rows.

11. The machine according to claim 9, wherein said segment has a U-like  
configuration and said plurality of outside-slot conductor portions are disposed  
into a lattice-like configuration to intersect each other in an axial exterior of an  
4 axial end portion of said stator core, and the intersections between said  
5 outside-slot conductor portions are arranged in n rows in an axial direction from  
6 said axial end portion, and said insulating member is interposed at the intersection  
7 positions short of an n-th row of said n rows.

12. An electric rotating machine comprising:  
2 a stator core including a plurality of slots disposed along its inner  
3 circumferential surface; and  
4 a stator coil including a plurality of concentric circling coils each made in  
5 a manner such that a plurality of U-shaped segments each composed of inside-slot  
6 conductor portions to be accommodated in said slots and outside-slot conductor  
7 portions protruding from said slots are connected to each other along said inner  
8 circumferential surface of said stator core to approximately circle said inner  
9 circumferential surface thereof,

10        wherein an insulating member is previously interposed between, of said  
11      outside-slot conductor portions adjacent to each other in radial directions of said  
12      stator core, said outside-slot conductor portions having the relationship in which  
13      said outer circumferential side outside-slot conductor portion is disposed in a state  
14      inclined in a radial and outward direction and in a circumferential direction of said  
15      stator core with respect to an inner circumferential side protruding end portion to  
16      suppress sliding contact therebetween when said inner circumferential side  
17      outside-slot conductor portion is inclined in said radial and outward direction and  
18      in said circumferential direction.